

Federal Communications Commission  
Complaint Department  
Re: Sinclair Broadcast Group's Illegal Actions

As a voting, tax paying, media dependent American, I am complaining about Sinclair's abuse of the public trust in fair and balanced broadcasting. I have become aware that Sinclair is using its vast media outlets to further the owner's personal, political, and financial interests, under the guise of "news".

If indeed this film attacking Sen. Kerry is news, then you, the FCC, must take action to assure that the credible and well documented favorable documentary about Sen. Kerry is given equal air time.

Allowing corporate takeovers of the majority of media outlets in the United States is obviously a dangerous mistake. The illegal use of the airways and the flaunting of FCC regulations should have the most harsh enforcement. I expect the FCC to do the job it is charged to do, and do it fast before the election on Nov. 2, 2004.

Sinclair must be held accountable by the FCC. It is the law and your duty is to uphold the law, even though the Bush administration pressures otherwise. Please do everything in your power to enforce FCC rules & regulations against Sinclair Broadcast Group.

I live in a small town served by an independent radio station. I am better informed than my family that live in Dallas and Houston, Texas! I am carrying tapes of Democracy Now, CounterSpin, Alternative Radio, and clippings from our free daily newspaper to my family in the "big cities". Now they too can read, listen, and make better informed critical decisions based on balanced media information.

This supposedly protected right is being denied those living in areas dominated by media conglomerates.

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter, not distractions.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please use your licensing powers to protect and defend the Public Trust.

HOLD SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP ACCOUNTABLE  
AMERICANS AND THE WATCHING WORLD DESERVE  
TRUTHFUL, FAIR & BALANCED MEDIA INFORMATION.

Respectfully,

A. Louise Long  
Grandmother